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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING

BIOGAS

RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 15, 2008, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-3 drawn to a method of producing a biogas.

Applicants request that the Examiner expand the search to the non-elected claims of Group II, Claim 4 if the elected Group I claims are found allowable.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.